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**T**rusty and wel-  
beloued. Being  
in our Towne  
of *Paris*, where  
we bent our on-  
ly cogitatio<sup>n</sup>s to  
no other thing but the appea-  
sing of all sorts of ielouzies and  
Disturbances in *Picardy* and else-  
wher, which hindered our iour-  
ney into our Country of *Poictou*,  
there to prosecute the warres  
enterprized against the *Hugue-*  
*notes*, according as we had resol-  
ued, our cosen the Duke of *Guize*  
2      *unawares*



vnwares to vs, Did there ariue  
 the ninth of this moneth. His  
 comming after that sort so en-  
 creased the saide ielouzies and  
 distrusts, that wee were much  
 troubled therewith: the rather  
 for that befoze we had from di-  
 uers places beene aduertized,  
 that he should come in such ma-  
 ner: also, that he was looked for,  
 by sundry the inhabitantes of  
 the same towne, who were sus-  
 pected to bee the authoꝝ of the  
 saide distrusts, besides that our  
 selfe had befoze for the same  
 cause giuen him to vnderstaṁd, y  
 wee were nothing desirous of  
 his comming befoze we had ap-  
 peazed the aforesayde troubles  
 of *Picardy*, and quite taken away  
 the causes of the same. Consid-  
 ring neuerthelesse, that he came  
 accompanied onely with four-  
 teene or fiftene hoꝛses, we were  
 con-

content to see him, and that the rather to the ende to endeavour so to Deale with him that all occasions of ielouzie and Distrust might be extinguished: wherunto seeing how smally wee profited, as also that our saide Towne grewe Dayly more and more replenished with Gentlemen and strangers, retayners to the said Dukes trayne: also, that such searches, as we caused the magistrates and officers thereof to make, were thzough the fear wherinto they were driven, performed to halues: likewise, that the hartes and affections of sundry the enhabitants were Dayly prouoked, and more and more alienated: together with the ordinary aduertizementes whereby wee were from time to time enformed of some great troubles to fal out in y<sup>e</sup> same towne,

we Determined to cause the said  
 searches to be more exactly per=  
 formed throughout al the quar=  
 ters thereof thou the former, to  
 the end thereby to Discouer and  
 truely finde out the state of the  
 same, also to auoide such stran=  
 gers as shoulde be found not to  
 be aduowed as they ought. For  
 the perfozmance whercof wee  
 thought it good to strengthen  
 certaine the bodie of the gar=  
 des of the enhabitants and bur=  
 geses of the same Town whom  
 we had appointed to be planted  
 in foure or fiue corners there=  
 of, with the companies of *Suit=  
 zers*, and such as were of the re=  
 giments of our guard: who be=  
 fore were lodged in y<sup>e</sup> suburbs:  
 also to commaunde diuers the  
 Lords of the counsaile & knights  
 of our order of the holy ghost, to  
 march along the streets & quar=  
 ters



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ters thereof accompanied with  
the quarter masters and others  
the officers of the said Towne,  
such as haue bene vsually accu-  
stomed to make the saide sear-  
ches, to the end by their counte-  
naunce to authorize and assist  
them in the same, as hath sun-  
dry times bin practized. Wher-  
of also we gaue notice to the said  
Duke, and all the enhabitantes  
of the saide Towne, leaste any  
thereof shoulde take allarom  
or any whit doubt of our entent  
in this point, which order at the  
beginning the Burgeses and  
Dwellers seemed to take quietly  
and in good part: Howbeit  
within a while after matters  
grew so whot and that the ra-  
ther through the induction of  
diuers who wandering vp and  
downe enformed the said enha-  
bitants that we had not brought  
in

in the said forces for any other  
 end, but only to establish forrein  
 garisons within the Towne a-  
 foresaid, yea, and to deale worse  
 then so: whereby in short space  
 they had so animated and stir-  
 red them vp, that if wee had not  
 expressely forbidden the leaders  
 of our troopes from attempting  
 any thing against the sayde en-  
 habitants, & withall commaun-  
 ded them rather to beare and  
 endure all extremities then to  
 offer any violence, wee doe vn-  
 doubtedly beleue that it had bin  
 vnpossible to eschue the general  
 sacke of the Towne and much  
 bloudshed. This when we per-  
 ceined, wee determined to cease  
 the execution of the searches a-  
 foresaid, also to cause our forces  
 to retire whome wee had not  
 brought in, but vpon that onely  
 occasion: as also it was no o-  
 ther



ther like, but that if we had mēt  
 otherwise wee woulde haue at=  
 tempted, yea, and peradventure  
 put in execution whatsoeuer  
 our purposes before the rising  
 of the said enhabitantes, eyther  
 that they had drawne their  
 chaynes or erected their defen=  
 ses in the streetes, which imme=  
 diatly after noone they went in  
 hande withall, and in a manner  
 in one instant thzoughout all  
 the streetes of *Paris*, being there=  
 to induced and perswaded by  
 sundry gentlemen, Capteines  
 and other straungers sent in by  
 the saide Duke of *Guize*, who to  
 the same end, in very short space  
 appeared, deuided and aranged,  
 thzoughout euery quarter of the  
 Towne. Hereupon causing the  
 sayde *Switzers* and french com=  
 panies, to retorne, the sayd en=  
 habitantes to our great greefe  
 Dis=

discharged diuers Harquebuzze  
 shot, & dealt some blowes which  
 light cheefely vpon the sayde  
 Switzers, whome the same eue-  
 ning we commaunded to retire  
 and lodge about our Castle of  
 the Loure, there to expect the  
 euent of this commotion of the  
 said towne-men: for the appea-  
 sing wherof, we did all that pos-  
 sibly we could, yea, so farre forth  
 as the next day to procure all  
 the sayd companies, except such  
 as before their comming in we  
 had placed in guard before our  
 said Castle, to depart the town,  
 as beeing enformed that in so  
 doing, we might greatly contēt  
 and pacify the said inhabitants:  
 as also wee caused to stay some  
 remaynder of the companies of  
 foote-men of the regimēt of Pi-  
 cardy, albeit they were as yet se-  
 uen or eyght leagues off, togi-  
 ther

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ther with diuers Lordes and  
gentlemen our scruaunts that  
drew vnto vs: as considering  
y the same had bred some sha-  
dowe to this people, also y they  
took hold of this pretence, wher  
by the more to prouoke & stirre  
them vp. All this notwithstanding,  
in lieu of finding our wi-  
shed effect to their own benefite  
and our contentation, they ne-  
uerthelesse still proceeded in rai-  
sing their bulwacks, strengthe-  
ning their garde night & day,  
& approaching the same toward  
our said Castle of the *Loure*, euen  
to the very sentinels of our ordi-  
nary garde, as also they seized  
vpon the townhouse of the same  
towne, together with the keyes  
of *S. Anthonies* gate and other the  
gates therof: so that by the thir-  
teenth of this moneth, matters  
were runne so farre that it see-  
med



med vnpossible by mans power  
 to stoppe the effect of greater vi-  
 olence and commotion, euen be-  
 fore our sayd castle gates. This  
 when wee perceiued, and being  
 neuerthelesse vnwilling to em-  
 ploy our sayd forces against the  
 said enhabitanes, as hauing e-  
 nermoze helde the preservation  
 of the sayde Towne with the  
 enhabitants thereof, as Deere as  
 our owne life, as in sundry their  
 occasions they haue well tryed  
 and is euident to all men, wee  
 Determined the same Day to De-  
 part, and rather to absent our  
 selues, and abandon the place  
 which aboue all the world wee  
 most loued, and so Doe still Desire  
 to Doe, then to see it encurre fur-  
 ther hazarde or receiue greater  
 Damage: hauing withal entrea-  
 ted our most honourable Lady  
 and Mother to stay, & try whe-  
 ther

ther she might through her discretion and authoritie in our absence bee able to finde anye means, how to appeaze the said tumult, which notwithstanding, whatsoeuer her endenours, she conlde not in our ptesence performe, and so are come into this our Towne of *Chartres*, from whence wee thought good immediatly to sende you these presentes therein Desiring you to consider of the consequence of this cause, how preiudiciall and hurtfull it will be, in case it goe forward, vnto the cōmon cause, especially to our holy catholike, Apostolike and Romish religiō, sith that they who were wont to fight together for the propagation therof, shal through this accident (if it bee not remedied) be disvnited and forced to turne their weapons each against other:

ther: to eschue the falling wher=  
 into we pray you to beleue that  
 for our partes we wil do what=  
 soeuer possibly we may : of such  
 force is the zeale that we beare  
 vnto our saide religion , as he=  
 therto we haue sufficiently cau=  
 sed to appeare. We also, so much  
 as in vs lyeth , exhort and pray  
 you to procure supplications to  
 God in your Churches for this  
 reuinion, as also that the obedi=  
 ence vnto vs due , bee obserued  
 accordyng as is mete, and not  
 to suffer the enhabitants of our  
 Towne of *M.* to depart the  
 right pathes thereof: but to ad=  
 monish and perswade them to  
 remaine quiet and constant in  
 their loyalties to their King: &  
 in vnion and concord one with  
 an other, so to mayntayne and  
 preserue themselves vnder our  
 obedience , and not to encurre  
 the



the discōmodities for them pro-  
 uided, if they take any other  
 course. Thus besides that you  
 shal performe an action woorthy  
 your discretions, fidelities and  
 duties, which may bee a notable  
 example to all subiectes, we shal  
 receiue you thanks for euer, &  
 acknowledge it to you  
 and yours.

Giuen at Chartres. *May.*

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